

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method on an [[end-user-system]] end-user system to prevent an unauthorized recording of multimedia content as a result of rendering [[of]] at least part of the multimedia content, the method comprising:

accessing encrypted multimedia content;
opening blocking all multimedia content input devices and/or ports ~~which are connected to an~~ [[end-user-system]] end-user system that can receive at least a any part of a multimedia content, to prevent use of all such multimedia content input devices and/or ports;
decrypting at least part of the encrypted multimedia content; and
while all such multimedia content input devices and/or ports are blocked, rendering the at least part of the encrypted multimedia content ~~which has been decrypted~~.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. **(Previously Amended)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the rendering of at least a part of the multimedia content, further comprises:

completing the rendering of the at least a part of the multimedia content;
closing all waveout devices and/or ports that were used for rendering; and
closing all wavein devices and/or ports that were opened during rendering.

6-8. (Canceled)

9. **(Currently Amended)** The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~decrypting at least part of~~ accessing the encrypted multimedia content further comprises:

reading the encrypted multimedia content from a storage medium selected from a group of storage mediums consisting of disk drive, cassette tape, CD, DVD, diskette drive, network storage, zip drive, compact flash, smart flash and minidisc.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A computer readable medium containing programming instructions for an end-user system to prevent an unauthorized recording of multimedia content as a result of rendering [[of]] at least part of the multimedia content, the programming instructions comprising:

opening blocking all multimedia content input devices and/or ports which are connected to an [[end-user-system]] end-user system that can receive at least a any part of a multimedia content, to prevent use of all such multimedia content input devices and/or ports;

decrypting at least part of the encrypted multimedia content; and

while all such multimedia content input devices and/or ports are blocked, rendering the at least part of the encrypted multimedia content which has been decrypted.

11-13. **(Canceled)**

14. **(Previously Amended)** The computer readable medium according to claim 10, wherein the programming instructions of rendering of at least a part of the multimedia content, further comprises the programming instructions of:

completing the rendering of the at least a part of the multimedia content;

closing all waveout devices and/or ports that were used for rendering; and

closing all wavein devices and/or ports that were opened during rendering.

15-17. **(Canceled)**

18. **(Previously Amended)** The computer readable medium according to claim 10, wherein the programming instructions of decrypting at least part of the multimedia content further comprises the programming instructions for:

reading the encrypted multimedia content from a storage medium selected from a group of

storage mediums consisting of disk drive, cassette tape, CD, DVD, diskette drive, network storage, zip drive, compact flash, smart flash and minidisc.

19-21. (Previously Canceled)

22. (New) A computer readable medium containing programming instructions on an end-user system to prevent an unauthorized recording of multimedia content as a result of rendering at least part of the multimedia content, the programming instructions comprising:

- accessing encrypted multimedia content;
- ascertaining whether a given device and/or port is capable of recording any part of the encrypted multimedia content at a predetermined quality level;
- decrypting at least part of the encrypted multimedia content;
- dependent upon the predetermined quality level, blocking multimedia content input devices and/or ports that are connected to an end-user system that can receive multimedia content to prevent use of such multimedia content input devices and/or ports; and
- while such multimedia content input devices and/or ports are blocked, rendering the at least part of the encrypted multimedia content.

23. (New) A computer readable medium containing programming instructions on an end-user system to prevent an unauthorized recording of multimedia content as a result of rendering at least part of the multimedia content, the end-user system having at least one multimedia content device and/or port, the programming instructions comprising:

- accessing encrypted multimedia content having a predetermined quality;
- for each multimedia content device and/or port, ascertaining a quality of the multimedia content device and/or port;
- for each multimedia content device and/or port having a quality of at least the predetermined quality, ascertaining whether the multimedia content device and/or port is not open and available for use;
- blocking each available multimedia content device and/or port having the quality of at least the predetermined quality, to prevent use of such multimedia content input devices and/or ports;
- decrypting at least part of the encrypted multimedia content; and
- while such multimedia content input devices and/or ports are blocked, rendering the at least part of the encrypted multimedia content.